

**SAMPLE FORM D**

**APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF COURT FEES AND  
COSTS**

## **APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF COURT FEES AND COSTS - INSTRUCTIONS**

When you file your notice of appeal, there is a filing fee of \$655.00 which is due at the time of filing. A deposit of \$100.00 needs to be paid to the Superior Court if you want it to prepare a clerk's transcript for you. If you feel you cannot afford these fees, you may fill out an Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs. Generally, you would file the application in the Superior Court when you file your notice of appeal. If you did not file the application in Superior Court you may file it in the Court of Appeal. Submit the application to the court along with the Order on Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs ([Sample Form E](#)).

The Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs form and the Information Sheet on Waiver of Court Fees and Costs are available online in Adobe Acrobat PDF format and the form may be filled out electronically for free at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/forms.cgi>. Select "General Legal" forms, then click on Form 982(a)(17) for the form or Form 982(a)(17)(A) for the information sheet.

### **Filling out the Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs form:**

#### **Caption**

- (1) In the "Attorney or Party Without Attorney" area at the top of the form, fill out your name, mailing address, and telephone number where you can be reached during the day.
- (2) In the next box down, specify the Superior Court, address, and branch name of the court that made the order or judgment you are appealing.
- (3) In the "CASE NUMBER:" next box on the form marked "PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER" and "DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT" fill out the plaintiff's name and defendant's name as they appear in the Superior Court case caption.
- (4) In the box immediately to the right of the preprinted caption "APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF COURT FEES AND COSTS", write the Superior Court case number for your case, and the Court of Appeal number if you have one.

#### **Entries**

- Entry 1. Check box "a" if you can't pay any of the court fees or costs. Check box "b" if you can pay part of the court fees or costs, and then write down what you can pay.
- Entry 2. Write your street address, city, state, zip code and telephone number where you can be reached during the day.
- Entry 3. Write your occupation, employer and employer's address. If you do not have a job, write "unemployed". If you have a spouse and your spouse has a job, write your spouse's occupation, employer and employer's address. If your spouse does not have a job, write "unemployed".

Entry 4. Check the box if you are receiving financial assistance, then check the box or boxes next to the type of assistance you are receiving.

Entry 5. If you checked box 4 you have to fill out one of three boxes in entry 5. Check only one box. If you check box "a" you must write your Medi-Cal number. If you check box "b" you must write your Social Security number and your birth date. If you check box "c" you need to attach verification documents which are listed on the Information Sheet on Waiver of Court Fees and Costs. After you have checked one of these boxes, you are done. Go to the bottom of the form and date and sign it, you do not need to fill out anything else.

Entry 6. If you did not check box 4, you must complete entry 6. Check the box next to question 6 if your gross monthly income is less than the amount shown on the Information Sheet on Waiver of Court Fees and Costs accompanying the form. If you check this box, skip entry 7, fill out entries 8, 9a, 9d, 9f, and 9g on page two of the form, then date the form and fill out your name and signature on the bottom of page one.

Entry 7. If you did not check box 4 or box 6, you must complete entry 7. Check this box if your income is not enough to pay for the common necessities of life for yourself and your family and still pay court fees and costs. If you check this box, you have to complete page two of the form in its entirety, then date and sign the bottom.

At the bottom of page 1, write the current date, type or print your name legibly, and sign the form.

**INFORMATION SHEET ON WAIVER  
OF COURT FEES AND COSTS  
(California Rules of Court, rule 985)**

If you have been sued or if you wish to sue someone, and if you cannot afford to pay court fees and costs, you may not have to pay them if:

1. You are receiving **financial assistance** under one or more of the following programs:

- SSI and SSP (Supplemental Security Income and State Supplemental Payments Programs)
- CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act, implementing TANF, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, formerly AFDC, Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program)
- The Food Stamp Program
- County Relief, General Relief (G.R.), or General Assistance (G.A.)

If you are claiming eligibility for a waiver of court fees and costs because you receive financial assistance under one or more of these programs, and you did not provide your Medi-Cal number or your social security number and birthdate, you must produce documentation confirming benefits from a public assistance agency or one of the following documents, unless you are a defendant in an unlawful detainer action:

PROGRAM	VERIFICATION
SSI/SSP	Medi-Cal Card or Notice of Planned Action or SSI Computer-Generated Printout or Bank Statement Showing SSI Deposit or "Passport to Services"
CalWORKs/TANF (formerly known as AFDC)	Medi-Cal Card or Notice of Action or Income and Eligibility Verification Form or Monthly Reporting Form or Electronic Benefit Transfer Card or "Passport to Services"
Food Stamp Program	Notice of Action or Food Stamp ID Card or "Passport to Services"
General Relief/General Assistance	Notice of Action or Copy of Check Stub or County Voucher

-OR-

2. Your total gross **monthly household income** is less than the following amounts:

NUMBER IN FAMILY	FAMILY INCOME
1	\$ 969.79
2	1,301.04
3	1,632.29
4	1,963.54
5	2,294.79

NUMBER IN FAMILY	FAMILY INCOME
6	\$ 2,626.04
7	2,957.29
8	3,288.54
Each additional	331.25

-OR-

3. Your income is not enough to pay for the common **necessaries** of life for yourself and the people you support and also pay court fees and costs.

**To apply, fill out the Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs (Form 982(a)(17)) available from the clerk's office. If you claim no income, you may be required to file a declaration under penalty of perjury. Prison and jail inmates may be required to pay up to the full amount of the filing fee.**

If you have any questions and cannot afford an attorney, you may wish to consult the legal aid office, legal services office, or lawyer referral service in your county (listed in the Yellow Pages under "Attorneys").

If you are asking for review of the decision of an administrative body under Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5 (administrative mandate), you may ask for a transcript of the administrative proceedings at the expense of the administrative body.



PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT:	CASE NUMBER:
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### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

8. ☐ My pay changes considerably from month to month. **[If you check this box, each of the amounts reported in item 9 should be your average for the past 12 months.]**
9. **MY MONTHLY INCOME**
- a. My gross monthly pay is: ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b. **My payroll deductions are (specify purpose and amount):**
- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| (1) _____ | \$ _____ |
| (2) _____ | \$ _____ |
| (3) _____ | \$ _____ |
| (4) _____ | \$ _____ |
- My TOTAL payroll deduction amount is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c. My monthly take-home pay is (a. minus b.): ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Other money I get each month is (specify **source and amount**; include spousal support, child support, parental support, support from outside the home, scholarships, retirement or pensions, social security, disability, unemployment, military basic allowance for quarters (BAQ), veterans payments, dividends, interest or royalty, trust income, annuities, net business income, net rental income, reimbursement of job-related expenses, and net gambling or lottery winnings):
- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| (1) _____ | \$ _____ |
| (2) _____ | \$ _____ |
| (3) _____ | \$ _____ |
| (4) _____ | \$ _____ |
- The TOTAL amount of other money is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(If more space is needed, attach page labeled Attachment 9d.)
- e. **MY TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME IS**  
(c. plus d.): ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Number of persons living in my home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Below list all the persons living in your home, including your spouse, who depend in whole or in part on you for support, or on whom you depend in whole or in part for support:
- | Name      | Age   | Relationship | Gross Monthly Income |
|-----------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| (1) _____ | _____ | _____        | \$ _____             |
| (2) _____ | _____ | _____        | \$ _____             |
| (3) _____ | _____ | _____        | \$ _____             |
| (4) _____ | _____ | _____        | \$ _____             |
| (5) _____ | _____ | _____        | \$ _____             |
- The TOTAL amount of other money is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(If more space is needed, attach page labeled Attachment 9f.)
- g. **MY TOTAL GROSS MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS**  
(a. plus d. plus f.): ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
10. **I own or have an interest in the following property:**
- a. Cash ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Checking, savings, and credit union accounts (list banks):
- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| (1) _____ | \$ _____ |
| (2) _____ | \$ _____ |
| (3) _____ | \$ _____ |
| (4) _____ | \$ _____ |
10. c. Cars, other vehicles, and boats (list make, year, fair market value (FMV), and loan balance of each):
- | Property  | FMV      | Loan Balance |
|-----------|----------|--------------|
| (1) _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____     |
| (2) _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____     |
| (3) _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____     |
- d. Real estate (list address, estimated fair market value (FMV), and loan balance of each property):
- | Property  | FMV      | Loan Balance |
|-----------|----------|--------------|
| (1) _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____     |
| (2) _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____     |
| (3) _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____     |
- e. Other personal property — jewelry, furniture, furs, stocks, bonds, etc. (list separately):  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_
11. **My monthly expenses not already listed in item 9b above are the following:**
- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| a. Rent or house payment & maintenance                                       | \$ _____ |
| b. Food and household supplies   | \$ _____ |
| c. Utilities and telephone   | \$ _____ |
| d. Clothing  | \$ _____ |
| e. Laundry and cleaning  | \$ _____ |
| f. Medical and dental payments   | \$ _____ |
| g. Insurance (life, health, accident, etc.)                                  | \$ _____ |
| h. School, child care  | \$ _____ |
| i. Child, spousal support (prior marriage)                                   | \$ _____ |
| j. Transportation and auto expenses (insurance, gas, repair)                 | \$ _____ |
| k. Installment payments (specify <b>purpose and amount</b> ):                |          |
| (1) _____  | \$ _____ |
| (2) _____  | \$ _____ |
| (3) _____  | \$ _____ |
| The TOTAL amount of monthly installment payments is: ..... \$ _____          |          |
| l. Amounts deducted due to wage assignments and earnings withholding orders: | \$ _____ |
| m. Other expenses (specify):   |          |
| (1) _____  | \$ _____ |
| (2) _____  | \$ _____ |
| (3) _____  | \$ _____ |
| (4) _____  | \$ _____ |
| (5) _____  | \$ _____ |
| The TOTAL amount of other monthly expenses is: ..... \$ _____                |          |
| n. <b>MY TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES ARE</b><br>(add a. through m.):              | \$ _____ |
12. Other facts that support this application are (describe unusual medical needs, expenses for recent family emergencies, or other unusual circumstances or expenses to help the court understand your budget; if more space is needed, attach page labeled Attachment 12):

**WARNING: You must immediately tell the court if you become able to pay court fees or costs during this action. You may be ordered to appear in court and answer questions about your ability to pay court fees or costs.**